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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/12/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-6 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1 line 3, "otherand" should be changed to "others and". In claim 5 line 2, it appears that "the" should be inserted before "boom". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claimed limitation of "a reinforcing ridge from the first position to the second position" is not understood and does not appear to follow the explanation of the reinforcing ridge set forth in the specification (page 10) or drawings (fig 5).

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The specification is replete with typographical errors including a lack of spacing between words and words that include overstruck characters. Examples can be found on page 1 line 1 "**Inventi n**", page 3 line 17, "completely", page 3 line 20 "ot", page 3 line 22, "anexcavator". Additionally, on page 6, lines 13-14 appear to be a repeat of lines 11-12. Additionally, on page 8 lines 10 & 12, it appears that reference number "18" should be changed to "19". It is noted that this is not an exhaustive list, and that the specification should be revised carefully. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,2,3,6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Modig (5,241,764).

Modig discloses an excavator bucket comprising opposing side walls 6, a back surface 11 being movable between a first position substantially defining the capacity of the bucket (fig. 2) and a second position (fig. 3), and with the back surface being connected to an actuating member 19'. Modig further discloses a back structural support surface 3, and a reinforcing ridge 14 (fig. 4). Concerning claim 2, member 19 is also considered a means for biasing.

Claims 1,4,5,6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Klager (6,658,769)).

Klager discloses an excavator bucket comprising opposing side walls 32, 34, a back surface 16 being movable between a first position substantially defining the capacity of the bucket (fig. 5a) and a second position (fig. 5d), with the back surface being connected to an actuating member 26. Concerning claim 6, members 46 & 48 are considered a reinforcing ridge.

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Claims 1,2,6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schield (2,402,299).

Schild discloses an excavator bucket comprising opposing side walls 6, a back surface 32 being movable between a first position substantially defining the capacity of the bucket (fig. 2) and a second position, with the back surface being connected to an actuating member 23. Schild further discloses a back structural support surface 31, a means for biasing 54 and a reinforcing ridge 52.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

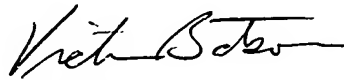
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Batson whose telephone number is (703) 305-6356. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (except Wednesday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Will can be reached on (703) 308-3870. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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